

Family Outcomes

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Family Outcomes

Family outcomes are defined as benefits experienced by families as a result of receiving early intervention services under IDEA/Part C. There are three family outcomes for which all states' early intervention systems are required to report each year to the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs. Each outcome is intended to measure the extent to which IDEA/Part C Services assisted the family in:

- Knowing their rights under IDEA
- Communicating the needs of the family and child to professionals, and
- Helping the family support the child's learning and development.

The family outcomes are measured by survey once per year for families whose child has been eligible for IDEA/Part C services for at least six months.

Prior to the annual administration of the survey, families' email addresses will be accessed in BRIDGES, tested for validity, and a unique participant identification code will be assigned to each family.

Families will receive an email notification that the Family Outcomes Survey will be available between February 1st through March 30th and will be provided with their unique identification code and a link to the survey.

Monitoring Response to Family Outcomes Surveys

Response rates will be monitored throughout the survey window. Service Coordination agencies will be notified regarding families who have not responded to the survey after the first 30 days. Service Coordination agencies will document follow-up efforts with each family and notify BabyNet State Office if a family needs support for survey completion (e.g., a hard copy of the survey, foreign language interpretation, etc.).

Analysis and Reporting of Family Outcome Survey Results

Upon closure of the survey period, BabyNet State Office will combine and analyze the online and hardcopy responses. Additionally, each Service Coordination agency will receive an individualized report of the survey results.

Following reporting of state results in the Annual Performance Report for Indicators 4 and 11, the survey response rate for the local IDEA/Part C district will be posted on the IDEA/Part C state website in the annual Local Performance Report.